

**IL HIE Advisory Committee  
Behavioral Health Work Group  
Meeting Notes  
December 1, 2011**

**Attendees (all by phone)**

Jim Hobbs, Department of Human Services  
Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois  
Rick Nance, Department of Human Services  
Mike Ouska, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Guest- Kevin Davis, Texas's Department of Health Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division

**Welcome and Review of Minutes**

After roll call and brief introductions, the minutes from the Sept 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by the work group.

**Texas's BH Electronic Records Project**

- Presentation of the Texas BH Electronic Records Project followed by a discussion

Prior to introducing **Kevin Davis** of Texas to the work group, **Marvin Lindsey** informed the work group that he first learned of the Texas BH EHRs Project last summer when he, a representative from a substance abuse trade association, Rick Nance and DASA Director Theodora Binion attended a SAMHSA sponsored event in Austin, Texas, titled "2011 Health Information Technology Regional Forum". It was at that event that the architect of Texas's BH EHR project gave a presentation on the Texas project. Marvin later contacted Mr. Kevin Davis who is the Business Team Leader of the project and he agreed to present information on the history and development of their project, current status and future plans.

**Kevin Davis** began by giving background and historical information on why the state of Texas decided to undertake the BH Electronic Records Project. There was a need for the state of Texas to collect better data from its state funded substance abuse providers and there was a need for the substance abuse providers to have a better method of documenting their clinical services. As a result, in 2000, the BH Integrated Provider System was created with funds from SAMHSA and over time it eventually contained all substance abuse providers' clinical documentation.

In 2005, the Texas legislature mandated the merger of the mental health and substance abuse departments under the Department of Health Services. The goal of the merger was to combine the administrative activities and the electronic health records of both the mental health and substance abuse departments. In 2006, the current system, the Clinical Managements for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS) was created. By 2009, after much beta testing and system changes, the substance abuse data sets were put in place. After bringing the substance abuse providers online, they began working to include prevention, early intervention and case management providers (HIV and pregnant and post partum programs).

The CMBHS is a web-based system accessible via the internet. All substance abuse providers are required to use the system. Many mental health providers already have EHRs and they may use the CMBHS system if they choose to or they can continue to use their own system and send their data in to the state on a daily basis. Texas already has functions in their CMBHS system for mental health but they need to make some modifications. **Mr. Davis** also stated that later this year they plan to do beta testing and piloting with some

mental health providers. The biggest decisions to be made involve what format providers will send their data in and what format will responses be sent back to them in.

**Mr. Davis** reported that the authorization process is built in online and that only substance abuse providers are able to submit claims through the system; they are working to include mental health providers. Currently, the CMBHS system does not accept Medicaid claims but Texas is working to include them.

**Marvin Lindsey** asked Mr. Davis, how do they deal with consent issues? **Mr. Davis** stated they held lots of meetings with stakeholders and experts and eventually developed an electronic consent that covers both state and federal consent requirements. They still require the actual paper consent to be signed and it can be uploaded and sent in to CMBHS system as part of the electronic record.

**Mike Ouska** asked if Texas thought of sharing or selling CMBHS. **Mr. Davis** said they have been approached by Florida and Nevada about implementing CMBHS in their states but he did not know if the other states had decided to use the system.

**Jim Hobbs** asked if Texas's state operated hospitals were using the CMBHS system. **Mr. Davis** answered that the state hospitals in Texas have their own system and is not connected to CMBHS.

**Marvin Lindsey** asked if Texas plans to get their system certified and to connect CMBHS to their states HIE? **Mr. Davis** stated that they have kept certification in mind as they have been developing CMBHS. CHIT certification is one of their goals. Another goal is for CMBHS to connect to their state's HIE but not much progress has been made to date.

**Jim** asked how many providers are using CMBHS. **According to Mr. Davis**, 200 substance abuse providers currently use the CMBHS and they have plans to add an additional 50 providers, along with 30 mental health authorities, in the next year. He stated that the merger of the two departments continues to be a work in progress and they are trying to find ways to coordinate IT and other administrative functions.

Texas has contracted with a MCO in Dallas and the MCO provides the behavioral health services and have their own data system. There are plans for the small and mid-size behavioral health providers in Dallas to be brought on board to use the CMBHS system.

Marvin Lindsey and the work group members thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation and asked him to send any additional information that may be useful to the work group. Mr. Davis said he would.

After a brief discussion, the work group agreed that DHS is not taking a leadership role in helping providers develop electronic health records or in developing a system such as Texas's CMBHS. The question of whether the state should consider developing a CMBHS style system for small and mid-size behavioral health providers. Jim will discuss with DHS executive staff, Rick will discuss it with DASA's director and Marvin will discuss it with Mary McGinnis at OHIT.

#### **Update on Survey**

- Development of the survey

**Jim** is reviewing the survey questions that were submitted by Kathy Gorosh and Marvin and will prepare them for review by the work group at the January teleconference.

#### **Next meeting**

The next conference call is scheduled on January 5, 2012.

Meeting adjourned.